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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES YUMA WATER SYSTEM FUNDING IN FINAL INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced that he has secured \$100,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the City of Yuma's wastewater treatment system in the final version of the 2006 Interior Appropriations bill, which was approved by the Senate on Friday. The House of Representatives approved the legislation Thursday night; the bill will now go to the White House for the President's signature.

"In order to comply with federal and state regulations, Yuma's 80-year-old wastewater treatment system facility needs to be replaced," said Senator Allard. "I was pleased to include this funding to help reduce the financial burden on the city as they build a new treatment plant."

"As a member of the conference committee that worked to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Interior Appropriations bill, I was in a position to ensure that this funding for Yuma stayed in the final version of the legislation," added Senator Allard.

The City of Yuma's existing wastewater treatment facility has exceeded the parameters it was designed for, and has also had problems with leakage. Construction of the new facility is already underway.

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